GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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MANAGEMENT OF AIIMS
SURESH PASI

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned `AIIMS Mein Surgery Ke Yanter Bhi Uplabad Nahin` appearing in the `Dainik Jagran` dated October 3, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of the matter reported therein;

(c) the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(d): Yes, Sir. All commonly used and Life saving/emergency items in the AIIMS hospital are procured and provided for all in-patients. However, costly/other surgical items are bought by the Patients` attendants, though for very poor indigent patients, Employee Health Services (EHS) patients all the required items are provided by the Institute. The Institute has a full fledged Department of Dietetics. All the dietary items purchased for private and General Ward patients are bought from the Government agencies like NAFED, Modern Food Industries, DMS and Mother Dairy. General ward food is as nutritious as the Private ward food. There is variation only in the service as the General ward food is free of cost and Private ward food is on payment basis. As regards modernization of kitchen, the proposal has been incorporated in the new Master Plan which includes construction of different Centres, expansion of OPD and other allied Hospital services.